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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/919,430	Applicant(s) HANSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner John B. Walsh	Art Unit 2151	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on amendment of 9/8/2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-8 and 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,813,244 to He et al.

As concerns claim 1, He et al. disclose a measuring device for a network and a service node for coupling a client/terminal (column 1, line 26) to a network (column 1, line 14) having at least one server (column 1, line 25); a bandwidth measurement device (column 1, lines 46-47) coupled to said path, said bandwidth measurement device configured for independently determining upload and/or download data transfer rates between said client and said service node (figure 8, column 5, lines 40-45).

He et al. do not explicitly disclose said service node comprising: a gateway configured for connection to a network (column 2, lines 32-34); a switch configured for connection to a client; a data routing system extending from said switch to said gateway, said switch, data routing system and gateway collectively forming a path (column 1, line 16), through said service node, configured for coupling said client to said network; each one of said plurality of subscriber terminals coupled to said service node by a corresponding xDSL line; said service node comprising: a switch coupled to each one of said plurality of xDSL lines; a gateway coupled to

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the Internet; a data routing system extending from said switch to said gateway, said switch data routing system and gateway collectively forming a path, through said service node, for coupling each one of said plurality of subscriber terminals to the Internet . However, it would have been an obvious design choice to provide the network of He et al. with a gateway, switch and an xDSL line.

As concerns claims 2, 13 and 15, He et al. discloses a network comprised of multiple elements (column 2, 33-34). It would have been an obvious design choice to have a router within a network.

As concerns claims 3 and 14, wherein said bandwidth measurement device is coupled to said gateway (coupled via the computer networks).

As concerns claim 5, the service node of claim 3, it would have been an obvious design choice for said client is a PC and said network is the Internet. These limitations do not appear to effect the patentable operation of the invention and would work equally well with another device or network.

As concerns claims 6 and 16, wherein said bandwidth measurement device is a server (column 2, line 50).

As concerns claims 7 and 17, wherein a measurement application resides on said bandwidth measurement server, said measurement application determining said upload and/or download data transfer rates for said bandwidth measurement server (column 2, lines 50, 56-59).

As concerns claim 8, the service node of claim 7, wherein, if determining said upload data transfer rate between said client and said service node, said measurement application determines

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said upload data transfer rate based upon an analysis of arriving data packets originating at said client and, if determining said download data transfer rate between said service node and said client, said measurement application generates data packets for transfer to said client (figure 8, column 56-59).

3. Claims 9-11 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,813,244 to He et al. as applied above in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,255 to Aoki et al.

He et al. '244 do not explicitly disclose an applet on the client or a web application residing on a server.

Aoki et al. '255 teach an applet on a client and a web application residing on a server (column 10, lines 37-63).

It would have been obvious to provide the applet/agent of He et al. '244 on the client side or on a server, as taught by Aoki et al. '255, in order to provide enhanced accessibility to the application.

As concerns claims 11 and 19, He et al. '244 disclose wherein said bandwidth measurement server further comprises a measurement database (25,503,603) coupled to said measurement application, said measurement database maintaining data collected during measurement of said upstream and/or downstream data transfer rates.

As concerns claim 20, He et al. '244 disclose wherein said measurement database is further coupled to said web application, said service provider terminal accessing said data maintained in

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said measurement database through said web application (database and application coupled via the network for accessing data).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

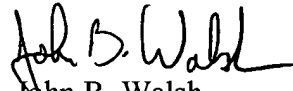
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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday from 5:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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